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FRG DRC REP (CAPT WELZ) TOLD MISSION OFFICER ON 23 FEBRUARY THAT HIS DELEGATION HAD RECOMMENDED THAT BONN ACCEPT A FORCE PROPOSAL CHALLENGE THAT WOULD RESULT IN A TARGET OF ABOUT 3.52 PERCENT REAL ANNUAL INCREASE IN TOTAL DEFENSE SPENDING FOR THE 1979-84 PERIOD. THE INTERNATIONAL STAFF'S COUNTRY CHAPTER HAS NOT YET BEEN WRITTEN BUT APPARENTLY WILL CALL FOR A 4 PERCENT INCREASE. WELZ SAID HIS DELEGATION WAS REASONABLY OPTIMISTIC THAT MINISTER APEL WOULD AGREE TO THE 3.5 PERCENT GOAL BUT WAS UNCERTAIN ABOUT THE FINANCE MINISTRY. GLITMAN

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